

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. *(Currently Amended)* A delay analysis system for making a delay analysis of a logic circuit,

said system having a delay analysis library comprising connection information and delay time information for a plurality of circuits,

wherein, for at least one circuit of said plurality of circuits, said library further comprises logical operation information representing correspondence between logical state transitions at each input terminal of said at least one circuit and logical state transitions at each output terminal of said at least one circuit, and said delay information for each signal path of said at least one circuit is based upon logical state transitions at said input terminals and corresponding logical state transitions at said output terminals as represented by said logical operation information for said at least one circuit, and

when making a delay analysis of each signal path of the logic circuit that comprises said at least one circuit, a delay time is selected from said delay time information, wherein if a selected output terminal transitions from a low state to a high state, said delay time is selected based on the input terminal whose logical transition triggers ~~finally triggered~~ said low state to high state transition of said selected output terminal according to the logical operation information, or if a selected output terminal transitions from a high state to a low state, said delay

time is selected based on the input terminal whose logical transition triggers ~~finally triggered~~ said high state to low state transition of said selected output terminal according to the logical operation information.

2. (*Currently Amended*) A delay analysis system for making a delay analysis of a logic circuit, said system having a delay analysis library comprising connection information and delay time information for a plurality of circuits,

wherein, for each of said plurality of circuits, said library further comprises logical operation information representing correspondence between logical state transitions at each input terminal and logical state transitions at each output terminal for each circuit of said plurality of circuits, and said delay information for each signal path of said at least one circuit is based upon logical state transitions at said input terminals and corresponding logical state transitions at said output terminals as represented by said logical operation information for said at least one circuit, and

when making a delay analysis of each signal path through a logic circuit that comprises ~~circuits from~~ said plurality of circuits, a delay time of each path between a plurality of input terminals and a selected output terminal of said at least one circuit is selected from said delay time information, wherein if said selected output terminal transitions from a low state to a high state, said delay time is selected based on the input terminal of said plurality of input terminals whose logical transition triggers ~~finally triggered~~ said low state to high state transition of said selected output terminal according to the logical operation information, or if said selected output

terminal transitions from a high state to a low state, said delay time is selected based on the input terminal of said plurality of input terminals whose logical transition triggers ~~finally triggered~~ said high state to low state transition of said selected output terminal according to the logical operation information.

3. (*Currently Amended*) A method for making a delay analysis of a logic circuit, comprising the steps of:

referencing a delay analysis library for a plurality of circuits, said delay analysis library comprising connection information, delay time information and logic operation information representing correspondence between logical state transitions at each input terminal and logical state transitions at each output terminal for at least one circuit of said plurality of circuits, said delay information for each path of said at least one circuit is based upon logical state transitions at said input terminals and corresponding logical state transitions at said output terminals as represented by said logical operation information for said at least one circuit; and

if the logic circuit comprises said at least one circuit, selecting the delay time of each path of said at least one circuit from said delay time information, wherein if a selected output terminal transitions from a low state to a high state, said delay time is selected based on the input terminal whose logical transition triggers ~~finally triggered~~ said low state to high state transition of said selected output terminal according to the logical operation information, or if a selected output terminal transitions from a high state to a low state, said delay time is selected based on the input

terminal whose logical transition triggers ~~finally triggered~~ said high state to low state transition of said selected output terminal according to the logical operation information.

4. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a program for executing a delay analysis method for a logic circuit, said computer-readable medium causing a computer to execute said method, wherein said method comprises:

referencing a delay analysis library for a plurality of circuits, said delay analysis library comprising connection information, delay time information and logic operation information representing correspondence between logical state transitions at each input terminal and logical state transitions at each output terminal of each one of said plurality of circuits, said delay information for each path of said at least one circuit of said plurality of circuits is based upon logical state transitions at said input terminals and corresponding logical state transitions at said output terminals as represented by said logical operation information for said at least one circuit;

if said logic circuit comprises said at least one circuit, selecting the delay time of each path of said at least one circuit from said delay time information, wherein if a selected output terminal transitions from a low state to a high state, said delay time is selected based on the input terminal whose logical transition triggers ~~finally triggered~~ said low state to high state transition of said selected output terminal according to the logical operation information, or if a selected output terminal transitions from a high state to a low state, said delay time is selected based on the input terminal whose logical transition triggers ~~finally triggered~~ said high state to low state transition of said selected output terminal according to the logical operation information; and

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performing a delay calculation to determine a propagation delay time using said selected delay time of said at least one circuit.